**Fused Sentences and Comma Splices**

1. Which of the following sentences has been corrected with a period?

a) Since the rain was coming down hard, we pulled over to the side of the road.

b) The rain was coming down hard. We pulled over to the side of the road.

c) The rain was coming down hard; therefore, we pulled over to the side of the road.

d) The rain was coming down hard, and we pulled over to the side of the road.

2. Which of the following run-ons is a fused sentence?

a) It's spring, I think I'll plant some flowers.

b) The computer picked up a virus, all the files were lost.

c) His cough is getting worse, he should see a doctor.

d) We love the beach we go every summer.

3. Which of the following run-ons is a comma splice?

a) It was a clear night we could see many stars.

b) I love pizza for breakfast I especially love cold pizza.

c) The baby is crying she needs her diaper changed.

d) The milk had gone sour, I threw it out.

4. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
Candy wanted to shop the sale items early she went to the store an hour before it opened.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

5. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
I couldn't answer the phone in time, the answering machine picked up the call.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

6. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
The baby's diaper needed to be changed, I couldn't find a clean one.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

7. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
The school field trip is next week the kids are all excited.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

8. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
My grandfather couldn't find the map, he stopped and asked for directions.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

9. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
The coffee is hot, she served it in a mug.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

10. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
Jack put on his jacket he liked the way it looked with his tie.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

1. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
  
Gail found her dog in the laundry, he was sleeping in the warm, clean sheets.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

2. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
The limo driver had to work long hours, he loved his job.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

3. Select the type of error illustrated by the following sentence.  
Abby walked to school every morning, her best friend walked with her.

a) comma splice

b) fused sentence

4. Which one of the following sentences is a fused sentence?

a) My car ran out of gas on the way to the dentist, so I missed my appointment.

b) The nurse rescheduled me to see the dentist next week after work.

c) I don't think that I can wait that long my tooth is aching.

d) The next time that I have to go to the dentist, I will be sure to have gas in my car

5. Which one of the following sentences is a comma splice?

a) Monica is applying for a teaching job in the local school district.

b) She wants to teach other people's kids, she thinks she will be good.

c) Since both of her parents are teachers, she knows what to expect.

d) When she was a child, she used to teach the alphabet to her stuffed animals.

6. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

a) My exam is coming up, I am definitely getting nervous.

b) I am prepared, so I should do fine.

c) The exam is the final for my degree it is a big test.

d) I have to keep a positive attitude, I will remember all the answers.

7. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

a) Haley just had a baby; she had a boy.

b) She named him Sterling that was her grandfather's name.

c) Sterling is almost three weeks old, he can already lift his head.

d) Sterling looks just like his sister Susan, they both have brown hair and small noses.

8. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

a) I went to Lake Tahoe for vacation with my parents, it is our favorite vacation spot.

b) The first night we saw a Shakespeare play it was called *Twelfth Night*.

c) The next day we went hiking, and the trail was beautiful.

d) The weather was great, the sun was shining every day.

9. Which of the following sentences is a fused sentence?

a) China House has the best appetizers because the wontons are crunchy.

b) The restaurant isn't well known.

c) The house fried rice has shrimp, beef, pork, and chicken.

d) The entrees are wonderful the restaurant uses fresh ingredients.

10. Which one of the following sentences is a comma splice?

a) My friend's dog is named Ginger after the soda ginger ale.

b) She likes to run in the fields, she chases rabbits.

c) Even though she runs really fast, she has never caught up with a rabbit.

d) I think she just likes the fresh air, but I'm sure the exercise is good, too.

1. Which of the following sentences is **not** a fused sentence or a comma splice?

a) I wanted pancakes for breakfast she wanted eggs.

b) I wanted pancakes for breakfast, but she wanted eggs.

c) I wanted pancakes for breakfast, she wanted eggs.

d) I wanted pancakes however she wanted eggs.

2. Which of the following sentences is **not** a fused sentence or a comma splice?

a) We decided to go to the park, it started to rain.

b)We decided to go to the park. It started to rain.

c) We decided to go to the park it started to rain.

d) It started to rain we decided to go to the part anyway.

3. Read the following run-together sentence: *I heard a crash I ran to see what was wrong.* Which of the following examples does **not** correct this run-together sentence?

a) I heard a crash, so I ran to see what was wrong.

b) I heard a crash. I ran to see what was wrong.

c) I heard a crash; I ran to see what was wrong.

d) I heard a crash, I ran to see what was wrong.

4. Which one of the following sentences is a fused sentence?

a) The countryside has really changed, it looks more like a city now.

b) My yard fills up with worms whenever it rains.

c) That loud noise was hail.

d) I hate gossip it destroys people's lives.

5. Which one of the following sentences is a comma splice?

a) She left early because she was bored.

b) I hit the golf ball into the pond.

c) I threw the ball as hard as I could it went through a window.

d) Shawn wanted to play basketball, he couldn't find the ball.

6. Which of the following is a comma splice?

a) Sam, my sister’s best friend, can sing, dance, and juggle.

b)Dinosaurs inhabited the Earth many years ago, scientists have discovered many different types of dinosaurs.

c) Selma enjoys flirting with all the boys; therefore, she is not well liked by the rest of the girls in the class.

d) Dana loves chocolate, not only because it tastes good but also because it reminds her of her of the fun times she spent with her sister.

7. Which one of the following sentences is a fused sentence?

a) Our nanny quit today, so we have to find someone else to watch our kids.

b) We always thought our kids were obedient I guess we were wrong.

c) The nanny said the kids tormented her while we were away.

d) Maybe that's why she had blue hair and pieces of tape stuck to her dress.

8. Which one of the following sentences is a comma splice?

a) Jeremy is applying for a job at the bank, he wants to work with other people's money.

b) His father is a banker, and his uncle is a loan officer.

c) When he was just a little boy, his father taught him what the different coins were worth.

d) Since he has some banking knowledge, he should have no problems getting the job.

9. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

a) Finals week is next week, I am already starting to feel stress.

b) I only have one final exam it is in my history class.

c) I shouldn't feel stress with only one final exam, but history is my hardest subject.

d) I just really need to pass this class, I plan to graduate in June.

10. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

a) We went on vacation, we asked my mom to take care of our pets.

b) We were gone for ten days, so we gave her a key to our house.

c) When we left, we had two cats, we also had six fish.

d) When we got back, the cats were fat and happy, the fishbowl was empty.

